

The proposed rule flies in the face of the clear will of the American people, which was overwhelmingly expressed in the comments on the rulemaking which this rule seeks to overturn. The benefits to the public of the current rule are obvious: net neutrality promotes freedom of speech, the free and efficient exchange of ideas, and enhanced competition among commercial internet users (i.e., most consumer industries, and many business-to-business industries). The only proponents of the proposed rule are those already making a profit, who do not need additional protection to make a greater profit. The rationale for the proposed rule, to restore competition and innovation to internet providers, is not based on reality. Internet providers were well on their way to local monopoly status under the scheme that the proposed rule seeks to restore. Antitrust enforcement would be more to the point if the goal were truly to increase competitiveness. The very fact that this rule is being considered tends to show that the current FCC is fully controlled by the industry it is meant to regulate, so I have little hope that this comment will be considered with any honesty or good faith. But I think you know in your heart that to adopt this rule would betray your duties to the American people.